

our communities. I am sure that the Shackleton family has made those sacrifices, and they deserve our thanks as well.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Representative Shackleton for his service to the people of Northern Michigan, and in wishing him well as he leaves public life.

IN MEMORY OF MAGDALENO
SANCHEZ DUENAS

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a courageous American, a man who was willing to give everything to this country, but who got far too little in return. Magdaleno Sanchez Duenas was born in Maasin, Philippines on May 27, 1914 into a large loving family with seven brothers and sisters. Mr. Duenas worked several jobs throughout the years, moving in 1937 to Davao City. There, in November 1941 on the eve of World War II, Mr. Duenas was asked to join the impending fight for freedom as a soldier in the U.S. Armed Forces. Mr. Duenas proudly joined the 101st Infantry.

To say Mr. Duenas fought bravely is an understatement. In 1943, he joined guerilla forces living in the mountains. He fought without shoes, living on a diet of "camote" (yams) and "lugaw" (rice porridge). On December 24, 1942, he was captured by the Japanese while gathering food for his fellow freedom fighters. He was immediately interrogated, yet he refused to relinquish any information that would reveal the hiding place of the guerilla forces. That night, Mr. Duenas managed to escape and return to his mountain hiding place. On April 4, 1943, Mr. Duenas helped engineer and carry out a rescue operation that freed ten American soldiers from captivity at the Davao Penal Colony. Mr. Duenas kept them fed and hidden and helped them rejoin the guerilla forces.

For his wartime heroism, Mr. Duenas deserved fame. Tragically, however, this was not why he came into the public eye. Mr. Duenas realized a life-long dream and immigrated to the United States, arriving in Richmond, California in 1992. It was upon his arrival in America that Mr. Duenas and 16 other Filipino American World War II veterans were held in virtual captivity by an abusive landlord who beat them, kept them chained, and fed them only dog food, all the while stealing their monthly Social Security checks. In December 1993, a group of Filipino American advocates discovered the heinous abuses and rescued Mr. Duenas and the other Filipino American heroes that were trapped with him.

During his final years, Mr. Duenas lived quietly in the Tenderloin District of San Francisco. Those who knew him remember him with deep affection as an endearing companion with a knit cap, and a folding two-wheel cart to get around.

It is a equally tragic that Mr. Duenas and his other Filipino veterans still have never received full recognition from our government for their patriotism during World War II. In his final years, Mr. Duenas was featured in two documentaries and his story remains at the center

of the battle for veteran Filipinos from our greatest generation. Sadly, Mr. Duenas did not live to see the story through to completion. He died this past weekend, on February 27th, at the age of ninety.

Mr. Speaker, since 1948 every Christmas Mr. Duenas received a token from General Schoefner, one of the ten soldiers he saved those many years ago. This simple, poignant gesture of gratitude is a reminder as Americans, we all owe this man and his comrades more than just a debt of gratitude. We owe them the promise of the full equity.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot allow more brave men like Mr. Duenas to die before we act on legislation introduced by my colleagues BOB FILNER and DUKE CUNNINGHAM, H.R. 302, the Filipino Veterans Equity Act of 2005. This is the gift we owe to all Filipino veterans who fought along side U.S. soldiers during World War II.

HONORING ROBERT WARREN
PEARCE'S MILITARY SERVICE TO
OUR COUNTRY

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert Warren Pearce in honor of his service to our country during World War II.

Mr. Pearce was born in Terra Haute, Indiana, on November 20, 1921, as the younger of two sons of Mr. Owen Pearce, who is the son of immigrants from Wiesbaden, Germany.

At the age of 21, Mr. Pearce resigned from his duties on RDX and bomb development for Dupont and enlisted in the Air Force in 1942. He began cadet training in San Antonio, Texas; and rose to the rank of a First Lieutenant bombardier and gunnery officer on a B-17 in the 452nd Bomber Group of the 8th Air Force, stationed near Attleboro, England.

During World War II, he flew 25 missions as a Deputy Lead that involved the bombing of Wiesbaden, Germany, and food drops over Holland. His squadron also destroyed submarine pens, ammunition factories, and railroad marshalling yards in Berlin. When his bomber crew returned to the United States, Mr. Pearce stayed on in England to teach X Box Navigation and flew additional missions with a new crew.

After an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army Air Corps, Mr. Pearce joined the Reserves where he served until 1957. He married Mary Jane Powers and moved to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, where he lived for 48 years; and as a successful independent businessman, Robert and Mary Jane Powers raised four sons who shared pride in their father's service to our Nation. Mr. Pearce now resides in Ormond Beach, where he currently courageously battles Parkinson's disease.

Mr. Speaker, because of Mr. Pearce's dedication to our country, I want to take this opportunity to recognize his war service, and ask all Members of the House to join me in celebrating the life and service of a wonderful husband, father and American.

CONGRESSIONAL TRIBUTE TO FOREST
PARK HIGH SCHOOL TROJANS
FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the players, coaches, and managers of the 2004 Forest Park High School Trojans football team in recognition of their outstanding season. After losing 17 seniors from last year's team, the Trojans not only made the playoffs, but made it all the way to the Division 8 State Finals on November 26, 2004, at the Pontiac Silverdome. This group of young men from the Crystal Falls area in Michigan's Upper Peninsula truly deserves our hearty congratulations.

While their 12-2 record is impressive in its own right, the way the Forest Park Trojans won is even more remarkable. After losing their first game of the season, the Trojans made some changes and rose to the occasion, winning their next 12 straight games.

They were a team of young men that brought an unselfish attitude to the game that many college and professional players could learn from. Each one of them knew they had a role to play, and cared more about helping the team win than being the "star." Throughout the season, the team's motto was, "Whatever it takes."

After defeating Baraga High School for the District title, Posen High School for the Regional title, and a dramatic 12-8 win over a Beal City team that seemed unbeatable in the Division 8 semifinal, the Forest Park Trojans faced off against Climax-Scotts High School at the Pontiac Silverdome for the State championship.

The Crystal Falls community was behind their team 110 percent. One call to a local radio station letting people know that they could make donations to help the team, cheerleaders and the band make the trip down-state for the championship game yielded over 100 contributions.

When the big day finally came, the Trojans suffered a heartbreaking loss. But they handled it with the same class and character that got them to the finals in the first place. They realized that they achieved their goal just by playing in that championship game, and that they would be back. Many of the players who are returning next year are already hitting the weight room and looking forward to a new season, and to passing on the tradition of teamwork and hard work that made this season so special.

Mr. Speaker, each member of this team deserves to be recognized, and I want to take a moment to share their names with my colleagues.

Team members: Dan Surface, Clay Roberts, Cory Padilla, Joe Mussatto, Kyle Roberts, Andrew Gussert, David Lesandrini, Brandon Stebbins, Ryne Neyrick (All-U.P. First Team running back and All-State Honorable Mention), Seth Chernach, Joe Chernach (Captain, All-U.P. and All-State first team defensive back and return specialist), Bryan LaChappelle, Erik Peterson, Scott Santilli (Captain, All-U.P. First Team defensive end), Tim Wheeler, Kyle La Vacque, Stefan Randjelovic, Nick McCarthy, Ryan Martin (All-

State First Team offensive guard), Kevin Takala, Calix Sholander, Gary Willman, Rob Boussum, Eric Lato, Dustin Skibo, Mark Harrison (All-U.P. First Team lineman), Josh Bicigo, Brian Fabbri, Jody Gillespie, Nikos Kosmopoulos, Brad Anderson, Pat Peterson (All-U.P. First Team tight end), and Josh Novak.

Head Coach Bill Santilli; Assistant Coaches Dave Graff, Gerard Valesano, Bill Todish, Jeff Chernach, and Dan LaPoint; Trainer Mark Nylund; and Managers Bryant Wheeler, L.J. Burns, and David Burns.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Forest Park High School football team, their classmates, parents, and community on their exceptional season and in wishing them well when they take the field again in the fall.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN MARK FRANCIS MCCORMACK

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Santa Clara County Fire Captain Mark Francis McCormack, whose life was tragically cut short on Sunday, February 13, 2005. Mark was the first firefighter killed in the line of duty in the 58-year history of the Santa Clara County Fire Department. Members from more than 100 fire departments throughout the State of California gathered at his memorial service to show support for one of their own.

Mark began his career as a firefighter in 1989. He was serious about his work, and was constantly working to improve his skills in order to serve his community better. Mark's hard work showed in 2001 when he received the Award of Valor for his contributions to both the Santa Clara County Fire Department and the community. He was a model firefighter, an enthusiastic team member, and a good friend to his colleagues.

When Mark wasn't fighting fires, he worked as a volunteer counselor for the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation's Champ Camp, a summer camp in the Sierra Nevada for young burn victims. As a child, Mark was badly burned on an electric stove and had to undergo several surgeries to repair the injury. Mark always found the silver lining in any situation, and that's exactly what he did with his burn experience. He used it to help children realize that they are not alone—to help them realize their inner beauty. Mark was a favorite around camp, serving as a role model to many of the children he met there.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to say "thank you" to Mark McCormack for devoting his life to helping others, and for his service in keeping my home district safe. And my deepest condolences to his wife, Heather, who wrote to her husband, "You are my life, my hero, and without you my heart will forever be broken." I wish that hearts could be mended with words, and that I could find those magical words to say to you. Heather, please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you, and that your husband was not only your hero, but Santa Clara County's, too.

IN COMMEMORATION OF COATS, NORTH CAROLINA

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in commemoration of Coats, North Carolina. On March 5, 2005 Coats will celebrate its 100th Birthday. Coats is located in the Eastern part of my home county, Harnett County in the 2nd Congressional District of North Carolina. Coats's humble beginning is especially personal to me as my great, great Uncle James T. Coats bought the first acres of farmland that would grow to become this warm and hospitable Southern community.

Coats's history is rich with individuals like my uncle, who envisioned a town where future generations could work, live, and raise their families in the bright light of America's promises. I think of Ed Williams and John Talton who were among the first entrepreneurs to establish stores in Coats. I think of John McKay Byrd, a former sheriff of Harnett County, who contributed greatly to the industrial life of the community. And I think of the first mayor, J.K. Stewart who when elected installed the first electric lights in the town.

Coats has never strived to be an urban hub, more comfortable with its small town population of only 1,900. Yet, its residents are proud of their community. As a former Harnett County Commissioner, I have always enjoyed a special connection to the people of Coats, NC. It is a place rooted in appreciation for one's family, faith, and country. The Town of Coats and its residents exemplify the common-sense values of North Carolina that I am so proud to represent in Congress.

Mr. Speaker in closing I would like to send my best wishes and gratitude to the people of Coats, North Carolina in wishing them a Very Happy Birthday. I know that in the future this town will continue to be "a good place to live and make a living."

CONGRESSIONAL TRIBUTE TO NEWBERRY HIGH SCHOOL INDIANS FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the players, coaches, and manager of the 2004 Newberry High School Indians football team in recognition of their outstanding season. The 10-3 Indians went to the Michigan Division 7 Semi-Finals, winning the school's first district and regional championships along the way.

Newberry is a small, close-knit community in Michigan's Upper Peninsula that loves its high school sports. This year, the Indians gave them a season to remember. In the fifth week of the season, Newberry faced Munising High School on the road. After a hard fought game, the Indians won 21-14, winning in Munising for the first time in 20 years.

In the last game of the regular season, the Indians renewed an old rivalry with Sault Sainte Marie High School. It had been several

years since Newberry and the Soo played for the "Little Brown Jug" but the Indians rolled to a 20-0 victory, reclaiming the Jug.

During the playoffs, Newberry defeated Inland Lakes 44-0 and Manistique 20-8 to win the school's first district title. In the regional finals against McBain, the team was down going into the 4th quarter. But Newberry stuck it out, scoring with just over 7 minutes to go and hanging on for their first regional title. Though they were defeated in the State semifinals, it was by Unionville-Sebewaing, the eventual Division 7 State champions.

In short Mr. Speaker, the Newberry Indians had their finest season in memory, and this was in large part due to the outstanding leadership of the squad's seniors. All year long, they kept the team energized and confident. The Indians always took the field believing they were going to win, have fun and work hard for four quarters.

Quarterback David Carmody, was a particularly strong leader among those graduating seniors. This young remarkable young man brought a unique perspective to the pressures of the game: he is a leukemia survivor. Diagnosed in 1996, a 9-year-old David had to face being sidelined from school and sports. After 4 years of treatments, David has been in remission since 2000. His coaches described him as an incredibly calm leader who never let anything on the field phase him. In fact, he often calmed them down during tense moments. In addition to helping lead the Newberry Indians to their best season ever, David was named to the All-Conference 1st Team as both quarterback and defensive back.

But while David's story is extraordinary, each and every member of this team deserves to be recognized for their hard work this year, and I would like to take a moment to share their names with my colleagues.

Team members: Derek Taylor, Andrew Schultz, Luke Shilling, David Carmody (All Conference 1st Team quarterback and defensive back), D.J. Bouchard, Dan Schummer (All-Conference 1st Team receiver and 2nd Team defensive back), Mike Houghton, Tony Perry, Stuart Papist, Mark Brooks, Corey Nicholson, Jake Pann (All-Conference 2nd Team running back), Jeremy Maeder, Zac Sarelle, Chuck Masterson, Nick Christiansen (All-Conference 1st Team linebacker), Zach Clickner, Avery Allison, Jonathon Bontrager, Kyle Ery, Caleb Flory, Mat Conway, David Burke, Ryan Bolda, Alex Herbst, Travis Stokes (All-Conference 1st Team lineman), Dustin Zitnik, Adam Holcomb, Kyle Bryers, Brian Morrison, John Pope, Matt Payment (Detroit Free Press All-State Team, Conference Defensive Player of the Year, All-Conference 1st Team lineman and defensive lineman), Justin Neff (All-Conference 2nd Team defensive lineman), Brandon Wheeler, Jay Thompson, Mark Doke, and Nathan Hines.

Head Coach Brandon Bruce; Assistant Coaches Bruce Dake, Jeff Puckett, Cliff Fossitt Jr., Fred Bryant, Larry White, Bob Cameron, and Randy Fretz; and Manager Derek Dake.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Newberry High School Indians football team, their classmates, parents, and community on their outstanding season and in wishing them well when they take the field again in the fall.